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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. TOON WILL BE ARRIVING MAY 18,
PAA 107 ARRIVING DULLES 1435. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS
AT GUEST QUARTERS BEGINNING MAY 18. WHAT IS STATUS OF
SCHEDULE PROPOSED IN MOSCOW 9885? ALSO APPRECIATE ORDERS
ASAP.

2. STATUS OF INTERNAL TRAVEL IN USSR BY SECRETARY
BERGLAND IS AS FOLLOWS: SOVIETS WILL NOT CONSIDER SUCH
APPROVALS FORMALLY UNTIL LETTER CONTAINING ALL FLIGHT
CLEARANCE PARTICULARS IS RECEIVED BY MFA. THEIR FORMAL
APPROVAL IS OFTEN DELAYED UNTIL JUST BEFORE ARRIVAL.
LETTER IS BEING DELIVERED ON 4/25 BY BILL BROWN (IT WAS
NOT RECEIVED BY POST UNTIL THE WEEKEND, EVEN THOUGH ALL
POSSIBLE WAS DONE TO EXPEDITE). MFA RECEIVED FULL
PRELIMINARY DETAILS OF THE VISIT INCLUDING U.S. AIRPLANE
CONVEYANCE ON 4/12. EARLIER BROWN ASKED FOR SOVIET
APPROVAL FOR THE SECRETARY'S PLANE ASAP, BUT NOT LATER
THAN 4/28. IF FOLLOW UP WITH MINAG AND MFA YIELDS NO
REPLY BY 5/3, WE RECOMMEND ADVISING MINAG TO SWITCH
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VISIT BEYOND MOSCOW TO SOVIET AIRLINES. TOON

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